

The 4th Day of October

Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens.

Evening Service

At “Lord I call...,” 3 stikhera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast given a sign....”*

Having received the grace of the All-holy Spirit /
Thou didst pass through all the earth, O Hierotheus, /
Teaching all to worship the One in three Persons, /
The Father without beginning, the Source of the Divinity, /
And with Him the Son co-enthroned, /
One in essence with the Father, ///
Born of the Virgin and bearing flesh as a man.

Thou didst present thy sanctified soul and hallow'd body /
As an offering well-pleasing to God, /
And through thy priestly service /
Thou pourest forth salvific grace /
Upon the souls of the faithful who believe in Almighty God. /
Therefore, we bless thy memory and thy burial, /
We cherish and rejoice in thy miracles ///
And we preach and proclaim thy teachings.

Thou didst behold the twelve apostles /
At the Dormition of the most-pure ever-Virgin and most-glorious Mother of the Lord, /
And together with thee was Dionysius /
Who described the divine hierarchies. /
With them we bless thy most holy festival, ///
O glorious Hierotheus.

Glory..., in Tone 2:

Present at the divine Dormition of the Mother of God /
O blessed herald of God, /
Thou didst gladden the hearts of the faithful with thy pronouncements, /
Delighting the sacred company of the apostles, the preachers of God, /
By praising the mysteries of God with divine ecstasy. /
Therefore, having boldness before Christ, O hierarch Hierotheus, ///
Pray for the salvation of our souls.

Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in Tone 2:

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came. /
As the bush burned, yet was not consumed, /

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So the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a virgin. /
The Sun of Righteousness has risen instead of a pillar of flame! ///
Instead of Moses, Christ the salvation of our souls!

Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the Same Tone: *To the melody “When from the tree....”*

Beholding Thee, her Lamb being voluntarily led to the slaughter /
The caste ewe-lamb wept and cried aloud: /
“What dost thou do, striving to make me childless, O Christ, /
Who gave birth to Thee, the Deliverer of all? /
Yet I glorify Thine ineffable grace past all understanding, O Lover of mankind.

Or Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection service.

The Apostikha is from the Octoechos.

The Troparion of the Martyr, in Tone 4:

Mastering the Good and being vigilant in all things, /
Thou wast clothed in the sacred beauty befitting a priest; /
Having drawn ineffable Truths from the chosen vessel [of God, /
Like Paul] thou didst complete the course of thy life keeping the faith. ///
O holy Hierotheus, intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

Morning Service

Two Canons from the Octoechos, and one for the Hieromartyr with 4 troparia,
in Tone 1, having the acrostic: “*We honor thy light-bearing memory, O blessèd one,*”
the composition of Theophan. — *incomplete as of 9/2015*

The Kontakion of the Martyr, Tone 8:

We honor thee, O blessèd bishop of Athens, /
As an inspired author of hymns of divine praise. /
For from thee we have learned marvelous and ineffable mysteries: /
Therefore, intercede that we be delivered from our sins, most-blessèd Hierotheus, ///
That we may cry out, Rejoice, O father, made wise by God.

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